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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Field Activities, OSA

SUBJECT: Impact of AF-12 Program on OXCART Branch

REFERENCE: Memorandum from C/OD/OSA to D/FA/OSA dated 25 October 1963; Subject: Impact of AF-12 Program on OXCART Branch (OXC 5830)

1. I disagree with comments made in reference memorandum for the following reasons:

a. It is not a basic plan of management concepts -- it is only an expedient which is not even compatible with the currently accepted concept, i.e., OSA has security responsibilities for the AF-12 program. Operations people are not security personnel and cannot take their responsibilities which the note implies.

b. Although it might be necessary for Operations to get into the matter -- unless we want to become involved to an excessive extent, we should have the Air Force prepare their solutions and then coordinate proposals with OSA Security. Security would in turn coordinate with interested staff divisions on the floor.

c. I strongly recommend that a study group be appointed to sit with the Air Force after they have formulated some basic plans for their program at Area 51 and work toward a concept of joint operations and program management. At the very least a basic document of agreement would result from which both sides could work.

2. In summary, I am afraid we will be encroached upon, inch by inch, through last minute expedients with the attendant confusion, ineffective actions, recriminations, and worst of all, jeopardize our capability to conduct a strong OSA A-12 program.

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